

How a Bill becomes a Law



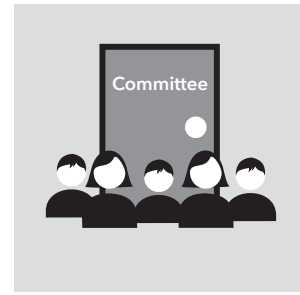
Your idea can become a law!

Bring your idea to your local Senator or Representative.



The bill is introduced.

The Senator or Representative may introduce your idea as a bill in his or her respective chamber.



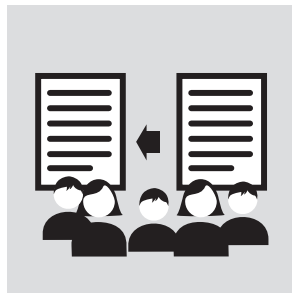
The bill is assigned to a committee.

Most bills are assigned to a committee for review.



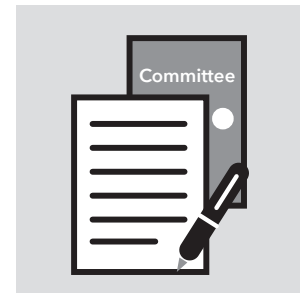
The bill is approved.

If both chambers approve the bill, it is then submitted to the Governor.



The bill goes to both chambers.

Once the bill has been approved, it is transferred to the other chamber to undergo a similar process of review and approval.



The bill is analyzed.

The committee makes recommendations and returns the bill to the originating chamber where it is voted on.



At the Governor's desk...

If the Governor disapproves of the bill, he or she may veto it and return it to the legislature. If 60% of the Senators and Representatives approve the bill, it becomes a law without the Governor's approval.



The Governor approves the bill!

The Governor may sign the bill into law, or allow it to become effective without his or her signature.



Congratulations!

Your idea is now a law!



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